MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : മറ്റുള്ള സ്റ്റേഷനുകളിൽ പൊലീസുകാർ സാമാനങ്ങൾ വാങ്ങിവച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതായി മെമ്പർ ഏതെങ്കിലും കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT : What is the fuss about the furniture in the checking stations? Why should there be a table and chair for transacting business. Is it not possible to sit on the floor on a mat and carry on business?

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : The Inspector-General of Police condemned the Gandhian method of sitting on the floor on a mat for transacting business.

PRESIDENT : A good mat is quite ample for sitting purposes and the business could be carried on. I do not think there is necessity for a table and chair at all in checking stations.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I hope to take away the furniture even from places where they are now supplied. That will minimise expenditure also.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU : പാലായിലെ ചെക്കിംങ്ങ് സ്റ്റേഷൻ ഇട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന കെട്ടിടത്തിനു കൂലികൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല എന്നു പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ കൂലി കൂടാതെ ഈ ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്കു കെട്ടിടം വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു പ്രേരിപ്പിച്ച ചേതോവികാരം എന്തെന്നു പറയാമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : That is not altogether a philanthropic proposition. The land was given to us by the Standard Motor Union Company and I am now thinking whether the checking station there could not be taken away. I will come to a decision on the point shortly. I may add that the housing of stations in such places may even demoralise the purpose of such institutions.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : In the light of the observations from the Chair, will the Inspector-General of Police consider the question of providing mats in the checking stations instead of table and chair?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : I shall certainly make use of that observation, so much so some reduction could be effected in the expenditure in respect of those 13 stations.

PRESIDENT : Even if the Inspector-General asks for a grant, for this purpose, the Government may not grant it.

Arrears in Land Revenue for the years 1113 and 1114.

57 *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : With reference to the answer given to interpellation No. 815, reported on page 1114 of the Assembly Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have realised the arrears in Land Revenue for the years 1113 and 1114; and

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[Mr. Varkala K. Madhavan]

(*b*) if they have not realised the whole of the arrears referred to, the amounts still left uncollected?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: (*a*) The arrears of Land Revenue for 1113 and 1114 have not been realised in full.

(*b*) Rs. 84,646-20-0 relating to 1113.

Rs. 1,43,750-14-14 relating to 1114.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know from Government whether steps are being taken to collect the arrears of Land Revenue?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know why they are not being realised at all?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: In some cases people do not bid in auction properties sold for the arrears. In certain others, when lands are auctioned under the Revenue Recovery Act, only a portion of the amount or arrears is realised and the party concerned has no further land to be proceeded against.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Instead of auctioning away the lands, may I know whether Government could not purchase the lands from the persons who have left the tax in arrears?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: Government are doing that. But I may say that, that procedure will be adopted only as a last resort.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know from Government wherefrom the arrears have still to be collected?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: From all parts of the State.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know from which place a major portion of the arrears has to be collected?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: I think it has to be collected from all parts of the State.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the Government are aware that the arrears are collected after issuing demand notice to the parties and after selling these properties in public auction? Is it not a fact that lands which will fetch a higher price are sold away for a nominal price?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR: No. The necessary precautions are provided in the Rules.

Currency Notes as tender in the State Treasuries.

58 ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether British five-rupee currency notes having holes or tearing in the centre will not be accepted as proper tender in the State Treasuries; and

(*b*) the rules relating to acceptance of such currency notes as are torn partly or wholly at the centre?

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